Enduring in HOPE
"I was a stranger and you welcomed me. . .”
—Matthew 25:35

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This report provides an overview of our ministry during fiscal year 2017 (July 2016-June 2017).
Friends,

This has been a difficult year for the immigrant community because of the increase of anti-immigrant sentiment and the continuous threats and implementation of deportation under the new administration. However, the scripture says: “The light shines more in the darkness.”

I witnessed the first light when our immigrant social ministry, *Pastoral Migratoria*, coordinated Peace Circles in over 88 parishes. This allowed over 6,000 immigrants to share their challenges, fears, and hopes in a safe and trusting environment, affirming that we are together no matter what, and that our God of compassion is at our side.

The second light was when *Pastoral Migratoria* gained national attention after being featured at several justice conferences. We are currently launching our ministry in California, and we have been meeting with dioceses in Michigan and Missouri who have expressed interest.

These gifts remind me how our ministry started almost 10 years ago when it rose out of the ashes of Congress’s failed immigration reform in 2007, and how it was founded in the *Aparecida* document (whose main architect was Pope Francis when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires.)

We are blessed with Cardinal Blase Cupich’s prophetic voice to shower us in the desert. His continuous presence, and the faithful support of our partners and donors like you, have been like a healing oil—a beautiful offering to treat the wounds on the journey for immigrant justice.

Our God of justice is vividly present in the darkness as we begin our ministry’s 10th anniversary. **Thank you for walking with us** on this long journey with your faithful prayers and generous financial contributions.

Peace,

Elena Segura
Mission

The Immigration Ministry engages the Catholic community in the mission of Jesus Christ to build communion between immigrants and non-immigrants; and to welcome, empower, and promote immigrants in their formation and integration as full members of society and as people of faith in the one family of God.

Goals

- **Educate** Catholics and the general public regarding the basic human dignity of every immigrant and the benefits of immigrants and immigration to our country.

- **Advocate** for compassionate immigration reform and for humane treatment of immigrant detainees and deportees, according to the principles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

- **Accompany** our immigrant sisters and brothers by walking side by side on the journey for immigrant justice, empowerment, and missionary discipleship.

- **Empower** immigrants through a foundation of biblical reflection to participate in and transform their own communities through ministries of leadership formation, education, service, justice, and accompaniment to safeguard basic rights and family unity.
Partners

**Immigrant Social Ministries:**
*Pastoral Migratoria* and Polish Social Ministry
Over 250 lay leaders in more than 50 Hispanic and Polish parishes respond to their baptismal call to engage in service and justice actions in their parish communities.

**Immigration Parish Coordinators** (IPC)
Parish leaders in 124 native-born congregations work for immigrant justice by leading parish educational events, local advocacy actions, and immigrant empowerment activities, including multi-cultural efforts.

**Priests for Justice for Immigrants** (PJI)
Over 200 local clergy stand in solidarity with immigrants and engage in education, pastoral care, and legislative advocacy.

**Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants** (SBI)
Members of 54 religious orders engage in prayer and pastoral care at detention centers and support separated families, education, public witness, and legislative action.

“Migrants are persons, with their own names, stories and families. There can never be true peace as long as a single human being is violated in his or her personal identity and reduced to a mere statistic or an object of economic calculation.”

—Pope Francis, National Migration Week 2017
Pastoral Migratoria is important because I’ve seen firsthand my friends—people who have been here 20, 25 years—suffer simply because they are undocumented. We need immigration justice for the hardworking, honest, and faithful people that came here for a better life—just like my parents did. People sometimes forget where their roots are, where they came from... we are ALL immigrants. Jesus was an immigrant and a stranger. He needed help too! I see God everywhere... we help Jesus and God by helping our neighbors. I believe in that and I believe in service to my fellow countrymen.”

—Margarita, Pastoral Migratoria, St. Simon the Apostle
124 parishes with native-born congregations received education and liturgical immigration resources monthly, including “calls to action”

351 bulletin editors received monthly ads about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the DREAM Act, extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS), eliminating travel restrictions for refugees from Muslim countries, and other immigration justice issues

3,000 Lenten and Advent calendars and reflection materials were shared with parishes and also distributed to our networks and collaborators by email, social media, and made available on our website

23 pastors new to our ministry participated in a pastor’s orientation to learn about immigration rights, mental health, and the archdiocese’s guidelines for ICE agents on church premises, in collaboration with National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC), Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS), and the Consulate of Mexico

3 Polish radio stations broadcasted information about immigration issues aided by our Polish Social Ministry leaders
I got involved in Pastoral Migratoria because I am an immigrant and I had a desire to give back . . . to help strengthen all who are immigrants. I soon realized that there are many organizations behind the work for immigrant justice and this is where I saw God reflected—opening doors in so many ways. Pastoral Migratoria brings ALL people together, not just immigrants, but also people born in this country, creating solidarity. The truth is that unity strengthens all of us, even when there are differences that make situations difficult . . . Pastoral Migratoria is always walking with each and every one of us—just as God is always with us.”

—Carmen, Pastoral Migratoria, St. Clare de Montefalco
150 people, at 7 a.m. in 25°F weather, participated in the 11th annual Posada in the Loop, a pilgrimage with our immigrant sisters and brothers, who—just as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—are seeking legislative shelter.

800 people attended the first annual National Migration Week Mass, presided by Cardinal Cupich, organized in collaboration with the archdiocese Liturgical team; 35 countries represented; covered by 10 media outlets.

45 immigrant parishes had separate National Migration Week celebrations; services were held in English, Spanish, Polish, Lithuanian, and Czech.

45 priests, sisters, and brothers held a press conference in a joint statement on their opposition to the attacks on undocumented immigrants and refugees by the new administration; followed by the Way of the Cross; covered by 7 media outlets.

25 immigrant parishes joined in the annual Chicago May Day march with calls for justice, peace, and solidarity.

28 Pastoral Migratoria, IPC, PJI, and SBI leaders visited 5 legislators—Reps. Danny Davis, Robin Kelly, Bobby Rush, Jan Schakowsky, and Brand Schneider, in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Act (DACA) and comprehensive immigration reform.

250 new voters registered and 1,000 citizenship exam forms distributed at parish summer festivals.
Pastoral Migratoria allows me to help other immigrants move forward and live... as brothers and sisters. It doesn’t matter who you are or where you come from. There are immigrants from all parts of the world who are scared... with doubts about what is going to happen to them and their families. In the beginning it was difficult for me to understand how God is involved in this, but now, through this ministry, I see Him creating unity with faith. It allows me to say “Hi” to people, or ask them if they need information or help with a problem. I get great joy helping because before I lived seeing God only once in a while, but now I live in new perspective, and see God all the time. It’s beautiful!

—Rogelio, Pastoral Migratoria, St. Joseph the Worker, Wheeling, IL.
74 new leaders from 17 Hispanic parishes completed formation and 35 current leaders participated in continuous formation.

25 Hispanic parishes new to our ministry were provided support in their decision to launch Pastoral Migratoria after the election of a new administration.

250,000 materials were distributed by 122 Hispanic parishes and over 179 Pastoral Migratoria leaders about legal rights, deportation, DACA, Peace Circles, immigration fraud, emergency planning, legal service providers, mental health, workers’ rights, etc.

86 workshops given in Hispanic and Polish parishes about legal rights, DACA, DUI, immigration rights, consulate visits, driver’s licenses, guardianship, dual citizenship, financial literacy, health insurance, addiction, college preparedness, CPR, domestic violence, exercise and diet, baby sitting and maid certification, etc.

251 people helped at Jornadas Sabatinas (Saturday Services) in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate; 400 people helped by Consulado Movil (Mobile Consulates) in Mundelein and other far suburbs.

150 leaders from 24 Hispanic parishes participated in 9th annual Pastoral Migratoria retreat, “De la Incertidumbre a la Esperanza” (“From Uncertainty to Hope”)

74 families received free tax preparation at workshops by the Polish Social Ministry in collaboration with with the Taxpol Mt. Prospect Corp.

15 people participated in “Expresiones de Fe y Esperanza” (“Expressions of Faith and Hope”), a Pastoral Migratoria writing workshop to strengthen their Catholic faith and hope for a more humane world.
“After being invited three times I finally joined Pastoral Migratoria, even though I wasn’t sure what it was. Little by little I got involved and learned more about myself, and at the same time I was also helping others. I remember when I came to this country I didn’t have any family here. . . . I know the feeling of loneliness and isolation. Pastoral Migratoria became a family, not by blood, but of people with the same feelings, who can accompany and help each other in good times and bad times. God is the center of this ministry. When God isn’t in our lives we can lose ourselves in other things that aren’t important or get angry or into arguments. He is the One who motivates me, helps me, gives me strength, the One who gives me meaning.”

—Rosalba, Pastoral Migratoria, St. Gall
**Accompany**

6,000+ immigrants participated in “Peace Circles” in over 88 parishes where they were able to share their fears and challenges, and learn how to engage the immigrant community after the presidential election; 1,200 information materials distributed; 450 individual consultations with attorneys

1,000 coats were collected by 15 native-born congregations, delivered to area detention centers

80 people participated in a citizenship mentoring program at an immigration parish developed and guided by 16 Pastoral Migratoria leaders from the beginning to the end of the citizenship process (initial screening, tutoring for citizenship classes and naturalization exam, swearing in ceremonies, etc.); 30 people have become new citizens and were presented and blessed at parish Masses; 40 people are awaiting their final interview date

12 different families received emotional and financial support organized by Pastoral Migratoria after a multi-unit house fire, including deposit and first month’s rent for new housing, clothing, household goods, etc.

450 prayer books, and 2,500 magazines in English were collected by Polish parishes and donated to the Marytown Prison Ministry

350 families received free health screenings and resources at health fairs at St. Mary Czestochowa and Maternity BVM School, in partnership with Access Community Health Network
**A Dream Come True**

For years I dreamed of becoming a citizen, but it is very expensive and my English is not very strong. My prayers were answered when *Pastoral Migratoria* at St. Rita started citizenship classes for legal permanent residents like myself. Leaders supported me in every step. They explained the application process and tutored me for my citizenship classes and naturalization exam. After I passed and became a citizen, my pastor even blessed me at Mass in front of the parishioners. *Pastoral Migratoria* has changed my life forever. Throughout this long process, the students and leaders became family to me and they inspired me to join the *Pastoral Migratoria* so I can help others with their dreams!

**A Knock on the Door**

I have helped many people in my years as a *Pastoral Migratoria* leader at St. Simon. I never could have predicted that one day I would be the one needing help. One morning ICE agents showed up looking for my two brothers. Thanks to the training I received about immigration raids from a *Pastoral Migratoria* workshop, I knew what to do. We didn’t open the door until we contacted a lawyer and my ministry coordinator. My brothers were apprehended later that day when they left for work and are now facing deportation. *Pastoral Migratoria* mobilized their network of groups and have been accompanying my sisters-in-law and their seven children with emotional support and food and clothing drives. It has been a devastating time and many tears have been shed, but because of *Pastoral Migratoria* my family is not alone!

“It is vital that the immigrant community knows there is support, that they aren’t alone... right now many people are living in fear.”

—Cecilia, *Pastoral Migratoria*, St. Toribio
A Homecoming

by Maria

My family and I came to the United States seeking asylum because we were victims of violence in Guatemala. However, upon arriving in the states, my sister, Anna, was detained and taken to the Eloy Detention Center in Arizona. When Pastoral Migratoria at Our Lady of Lourdes heard our story they supported my family spiritually and accompanied us during this very difficult time. Leaders took us to the clinic and gave us winter coats and boots to help us brave our first winter. They even went out of their way to take me to the supermarket so I could buy special ingredients to cook our Guatemalan food so my family could have a little bit of “home” here in Chicago. In June Pastoral Migratoria organized a collection at our church to help pay for my sister’s $15,000 bail. Thanks to Pastoral Migratoria and the generous parishioners, $1,300 was raised. In August Anna was finally released and we were able to see my sister. It was a beautiful homecoming for all of us!

“It’s necessary to have Pastoral Migratoria in my parish to accompany immigrants. God is always present because He is with us in our brothers and sisters, our neighbors, the stranger, in ALL of us.”

—Angelica, Pastoral Migratoria, Holy Sacrament
National Initiative Takes Flight

**Diocese of Stockton, California**

In 2017, we began development of *Pastoral Migratoria* in five Hispanic parishes who will participate as the initial pilot sites. We conducted two visits to their communities with a team of two staff personnel and a consultant to learn about their life, work, and needs, as well as available resources from potential local collaborators such as Catholic Charities and the Consulate of Mexico. We have started sharing key resources on DACA, antifraud, paying income taxes, and other immigration issues. We are continuing recruitment and planning so we can launch the formation phase of our ministry in early 2018.

**Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Missouri (and Other Dioceses)**

We started preliminary conversations and meetings with the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. They secured a part-time staff person dedicated to the *Pastoral Migratoria* mission whom we have started training and supporting. Dioceses in Michigan, Georgia, and Texas have also reached out to us about *Pastoral Migratoria*.

**Meetings & Conferences**

We met with the USCCB offices of Justice, Peace & Human Development; Migration and Refugee Services; and Divine Worship to introduce our national initiative and formulate potential ways we can collaborate. *Pastoral Migratoria* was featured as an immigrant leadership model at the USCCB Convocation in Florida in which 85 dioceses participated, and at the Center for Migration Studies’ annual conference in California.

Left: Christian Family Movement leaders at Sacred Heart Parish in Patterson, California learning about *Pastoral Migratoria*. Right: *Pastoral Migratoria* staff and consultants meeting with representatives from the Consulate of Mexico in Sacramento, California.
Financial Summary

Expenses 2017

- Program & Initiatives: 73.7%
- Fundraising: 13.7%
- Administrative: 12.6%

Total: $365,000

Expenses 2018*

- Local: $557,000
  - National: $205,000

Revenue 2017

- Foundations & Religious Orders: 37%
- Archdiocese of Chicago: 29.6%
- Annual Benefit: 7.6%
- Individual Donors: 5.7%

Total: $365,000

Revenue 2018*

- Local: $557,000
  - National: $205,000

* Projected
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Local Ministry
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- Pastoral Migratoria Chicago Outreach Coordinator

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- Pastoral Migratoria National Outreach Coordinator
- Pastoral Migratoria National Formation Coordinator

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Lord, I am here to thank you for my life.
For calling me to be an instrument of accompaniment.
An instrument to make a difference wherever I am.
Lord, open my ears so I can listen in silence and, thus, be able to hear the needs of my sisters and brothers.
Lord give me the strength to never give up, even if darkness appears.
Perhaps it's only me to start, but you are with me.
Lord give me the wisdom to continue being an instrument that listens, gives hope, and accompanies.
Thank you Lord, because through service, you fill me with joy.
Lord, I am ready to go to the peripheries.
Be my partner, my guide, my everything.
Amen.

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